GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:311
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QUALITY OF WORKS UNDER PMGSY
Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been found unsatisfactory by the National Quality Monitors in several States;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the current year;and

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR.RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 311 due for reply on 19.12.2008

(a) & (b): No sir. Out of the projects inspected by the National Quality Monitors (NQMs) only few have been found unsatisfactory.The details of inspections of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) carried out by National Quality Monitors (NQMs) during the period January,07 to September,08 have been given in Annexure-I.

(c): The corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard are:

(i) 3-tier quality control arrangements has been made for monitoring the quality of the works under PMGSY,out of which first two tiers of the Quality Control Structure are overseen by the State Quality Coordinators,appointed by the State Governments.The first tier of quality control mechanism is in-house quality control at the level of executing agencies.The field laboratories are established by the Contractors and mandatory tests on the quality of material and workmanship are conducted under the supervision of Programme Implementation Units (PIUs).The second tier provides for quality monitoring by the State Governments through independent State Quality Monitors (SQMs).SQMs are deployed to ensure that that quality issues are properly being attended to at the first tier.The third tier of this arrangement consists of quality monitoring of works through random inspection by independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs).

(ii) The reports of the NQMs are handed over to the concerned Programme Implementation Unit (PIU) for timely rectification of defects,if any,pointed out during the inspection of works.The Action Taken Report (ATR) is then sent by the concerned PIU to the State Quality Coordinator, who after verification submits the ATR to the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA).

(iii) The status of submission of ATRs and follow up action being taken by the states is intensively monitored and review meetings are held at regular intervals.

(iv) Citizen information boards are displayed in local language at prominent locations in the benefited habitations indicating the volume of materials used in each layer of the pavement.

(v) All the States have been advised to arrange for joint inspection of completed as well as on-going works with Hon`ble MPs,Hon`ble MLAs and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Annexure - I

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 311 due for reply on 19.12.2008
Details of inspections

Sr. No.	State	Total Inspections	Completed Works			Ongoing Works		
		Total	U	U%	Total	U	U%
1	Andhra Pradesh	376	115	2	2%	261	35	13%

2	Arunachal Pradesh	87	17	1	6%	70	2	3%
3	Assam	397	40	1	3%	357	33	9%
4	Bihar (NEA)	312	46	4	9%	266	35	13%
5	Chattisgarh	406	67	7	10%	339	50	15%
6	Gujarat	269	109	7	6%	160	18	11%
7	Goa	0	0	0	0			
8	Haryana	138	34	1	3%	104	4	4%
9	Himachal Pradesh	198	39	1	3%	159	13	8%
10	Jammu & Kashmir	134	11	0	0%	123	9	7%
11	Jharkhand	129	19	0	0%	110	10	9%
12	Karnataka	277	51	3	6%	226	19	8%
13	Kerala	134	16	0	0%	118	36	31%
14	Madhya Pradesh	836	111	8	7%	725	37	5%
15	Maharashtra	778	51	6	12%	727	103	14%
16	Manipur	58	2	2	100%	56	20	36%
17	Meghalaya	48	6	2	33%	42	19	45%
18	Mizoram	45	6	0	0%	39	7	18%
19	Nagaland	38	0	0		38	8	21%
20	Orissa	630	143	1	1%	487	50	10%
21	Punjab	272	79	6	8%	193	5	3%
22	Rajasthan	695	216	4	2%	479	14	3%
23	Sikkim	95	5	0	0%	90	18	20%
24	Tamil Nadu	218	89	4	4%	129	17	13%
25	Tripura	51	5	0	0%	46	6	13%
26	Uttar Pradesh	953	367	38	10%	586	75	13%
27	Uttarakhand	105	8	0	0%	97	20	21%
28	West Bengal	390	69	0	0%	321	10	3%
Total		8069	1721	98	6%	6348	673	11%

U = Unsatisfactory